

the body of Ruth Cruger and the apprehension of her murderer.

"In the course of their inquiry the motorcycle squad of the Police Department was investigated, and the testimony of many witnesses examined convinced the Grand Jury that a wholesale system of graft on the part of motorcycle policemen has been existing in the city of New York for a number of years.

CHARGES BUGHER REFUSED TO SUSPEND MEN.

"Chauffeurs, owners and dealers testified to the payment of money to police officers for the purpose of securing immunity from arrest and prosecution.

"In my conversation with you yesterday I was greatly disappointed with you when you said that you would not suspend these motorcycle policemen and you did not believe that sufficient evidence could be found against them to displace them and that if they were displaced they would probably get back through the courts.

"It has come to me from time to time that powerful influences were being exercised to save these policemen. I intend to stamp graft out of the Police Department, and must have a man at the head of the department who will act and investigate the police upon the slightest indication of wrongdoing. I must, therefore, ask you for your resignation.

Immediately after the appointment of Enright to the Acting Commissioner, the Mayor sent him the following letter of instructions:

"I hand you herewith the presentment of the extraordinary term of Grand Jury, emanated by order of Gov. Whitman. I direct that you forthwith suspend the members of the motorcycle squad referred to in this presentment, and have their trials proceed with as little delay as possible.

"I further direct you to appoint Inspector John Daly as Acting Chief Inspector of the Police Department."

Mr. Bugher said in explanation of the Hyman letter that some of the cases in which the Mayor wanted him to act against motorcycle policemen dated back as far as three years ago and that he did not think it advisable to suspend them, place them on trial, and then have them reinstated by the courts with an order for payment of back salaries. Mr. Bugher said he had written a long letter to the Mayor yesterday explaining his position.

The revelations against motorcycle policemen came as an incident of the Grand Jury's inquiry into the escape to Italy of Alfredo Cecchi, Ruth Cruger's slayer. The evidence against the policemen was such, however, the presentment stated, that indictments could not be found, since the law does not permit indictment on "uncorroborated accomplice testimony."

There is known to have been friction between the Mayor and Commissioner Bugher ever since the latter's appointment at the first of the year.

Speculation is already rife as to the reasons for the selection of Enright, and as to what may be expected of his administration if the "Acting" is later removed from his title and the Commissionership given to him definitely.

Enright has been known as a "factor in police politics. He joined the force in November, 1896, when Theodore Roosevelt was Police Commissioner. In 1902 he was promoted to lieutenant, and in 1905 to lieutenant. He has repeatedly passed the examination under the Civil Service for a captaincy, but he has repeatedly failed to get the promotion, and the explanation always offered was his activity in "police politics."

Twelve times in succession Enright has been elected President of the Police Lieutenants' Association. This organization was looked upon with disfavor by Commissioner Bingham in his day because he thought the association, through "wire pulling," was trying to run the Department.

Bugher was serving under Bingham then and he is said to have absorbed the opinion of his chief, so that he too was hostile to the association when he came into power. Former Commissioner Woods also was opposed to the association, and Enright failed to make progress under the Woods administration.

Three times during the Woods regime Enright appeared on the Civil Service list of eligibles for a captaincy. Once he appeared at the top of the list and Woods made him acting captain for a little while at the Flatbush Avenue Station. Enright was quickly reduced to a lieutenant, however, and shifted to desk duty at the Bowditch Avenue Station. He stayed there until Mayor Hylan summoned him to the highest position in the department.

The biggest fight that Enright led on behalf of the Lieutenants' Association was under the Bingham administration, when the association was accused of having a slush fund for political use. Enright defended the organization. The books of the association were investigated, but no evidence was obtained.

James E. Smith, chief inspector under the Woods administration, has been absent on sick leave for some time. He remains technically in that status until or unless the appointment of Daly is made permanent.

WAR CABINET

dictated by the Mayor. He forced his resignation, Bugher's letters charge.

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pens to be a man of good family and of unquestioned antecedents, which I regard as a distinct advantage in this particular case and in no respects a handicap.

"I am firmly of the opinion that the gentleman in question will develop into a capable, loyal and efficient assistant. He is full of energy and ambition, and is already of invaluable aid to me and is rapidly securing the respect and confidence of the force.

"Upon two recent occasions you stated that you had under consideration the question of appointing a woman as one of my deputies. I told you that this proposal does not appeal favorably to me. I am not willing that a woman should be a Deputy Commissioner, although I am and have long been an advocate of Woman Suffrage.

"This is one of the few positions that is no fit place for a woman, neither in its environment nor by reason of the character of the duties it imposes. True, there are certain phases of the work, such as the discovery of lost girls, to which a woman is well adapted, but you can hardly expect a deputy to confine his activities to that desultory and occasional duty.

DIFFICULTIES IN WAY OF APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN.

"There is no reason why the voluntary women's organizations outside the department that have heretofore and should continue to cooperate with the department in that and other directions should not be utilized, but that is a very different proposition from placing in the department a woman, whose duties would necessarily be circumscribed and whose surroundings would at times be of the most indelicate and unpleasant character.

"Among other things you also stated that you wanted representation from each of the five boroughs in the appointment of Deputy Commissioners but that you did not care so much about a representative from Queens County. I do not consider this feasible. The department will have to be run from a central point and the deputy should, in my judgment, be selected without regard to their local residence within the city, except as to Brooklyn.

"It goes without saying that if we can get a competent man from Richmond County or from any other county within the city for any of these offices the question of his residence should not enter into the system, but he would have to be (except as to the Brooklyn Deputy) at Headquarters in Manhattan and should be selected without regard to the section of the city from which he comes.

"Other suggestions, such as that of Mr. Solvey, and your letter strongly urging Mr. Schneider as Brooklyn Deputy, have also given me great uneasiness for reasons already stated to you.

URGED TO TAKE GUIDANCE OF SUBORDINATE ON FORCE.

"Although it is but fair to say that you have thus far always yielded to my objections when you believed them to be well taken, I have been particularly disturbed by your frequent urging that I take guidance and advice from one of the subordinates on the force and listen to his views regarding the way the Department should be conducted, which views are to be conveyed to me by him through you. I do not directly by him to me. Surely you must realize that this would be utterly destructive of discipline, no matter how discreet the man might be. In the first place, I have sufficient to take care of, and in the second place, this would create a situation in which it would be known throughout the force before a month is over that I am being virtually compelled to show respect to a man who is not even on duty should be to obey orders instead of indirectly giving them.

"There is as great necessity for discipline and rigid rules of discipline and priority in the police force as in the army, and especially in the abnormal times. This departure, however innocent it may appear to the civilian, would be destructive of discipline. No member of the force must be given the slightest encouragement to believe any one competent with your full support. The Mayor as against his Commissioner.

"A few days ago you sent for the Third Deputy by direct message to my house instead of through me. This was largely corrected by your sending for me, which is as it should be.

"You have also notified me not to fill even the most unimportant existing positions, which would include clerks and stenographers, without first consulting you.

"Surely, you must realize how embarrassing and unpleasant it is to be forced constantly into the position of interfering from and being unable to comply with the wishes of my superior, which under ordinary conditions would be equivalent to a command, but that was not the situation on which I accepted this office.

"Let me repeat that I am very anxious not to embarrass you. I want to help you. That I can not do unless permitted to run the department in the way I was promised. The understandable conditions with your full support. Without it the task is impossible. If you find that I am not the man you want, I shall be the first person to ask to be relieved of my office, but in the meantime you must let me have my way if I am to remain.

"Unless therefore you feel that you can have the selection of my assistants on whose loyalty and efficiency I must rely I can not stay.

"Not one of the many men whom I have had under consideration is personally known to me. I have go

Why Not Follow the Birds? New York Would Escape Another Coal Famine

LD KNICKERBOCKER—Well, the five Garfield days are over, and, as the Alabama Congressman inquired, "Where am I at?"

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—Right where we were "at" before, it seems to me.

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—I confess I'm in the state of mind of the colored Captain of United States Cavalry who was ordered to transfer his troop from one Oklahoma fort to another, a distance of twenty-five miles. He started at 4 A. M.—It was a hot July morning and he aimed to reach his destination before the sun was well up. After two hours of hard riding the troop overtook a farmer on the road, and the Captain inquired: "How far is it to Fort Sill?" The farmer replied, "About twenty-five miles!" A hasty word of thanks and the troop passed on. Two hours more of riding over hot, dusty roads, and a second farmer was sighted. The Captain made the same inquiry, and the second farmer replied, "I should say about twenty-five miles!" The Captain mopped his brow, the bugle blew and off went the perspiring troop at a canter. Two hours later a third farmer was stopped with the question, "How far is it to Fort Sill?" and the farmer answered, "I reckon about twenty-five miles!" The army Captain almost fell from his horse and the tired troop nearly collapsed. Turning to his boys, the Captain sang out: "Thank heaven, we haven't lost ground!"

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—The fuel orders seemed to have worked out in the same way.

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—Why, just think of it. Five days to relieve the freight congestion, and the net result in New York City was a saving of 15,000 tons of coal—the figures are official—and a loss of wages to the majority of the million and a half of men thrown out of employment.

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—But Mr. Garfield says the order "achieved the results expected."

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—The professor has got to do a lot of blackboard figuring to prove it to me, unless the result expected was hopeless confusion and irreparable loss to employers and employees.

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—There was some mental congestion in the application of the rule.

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—That's just it. Why, the big idea was to remove freight from the tracks and piers and clear up the terminals to facilitate the shipment of coal. But the order made no provision for merchants or manufacturers to keep their business places open and their trucks at work to cart the freight from the cars.

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—Did they expect Director "Al" Smith to be another Houdini?

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—And what's more, when one branch of the Government was frantically ordering all available men to be put to work at the piers unloading coal, another branch was ordering longshoremen from the water front under a strict interpretation of the War Zone edict, which had not been interpreted until Monday as applying to workmen.

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—There was a spy scare in connection with shipping.

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—How about stopping work at the Brooklyn ship yards, where the tugs so badly needed for moving barges were under repair?

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—Why ask me the question? If the weather had improved, things would not have been so bad.

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—Things should not have been permitted to get so bad that the weather had to figure as a determining factor.

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—Why not ask the weather man to write the next fuel order?

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—If we are going to rely upon professors and trap makers to provide our next winter's coal supply, I am in favor of adopting the plan in India, where they move their capital to Simla in the summer and set up business in Calcutta in the winter.

YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER—You mean to have New York go to Florida in the winter, where no coal will be needed, and to resume work on the old Hudson when summer returns.

OLD KNICKERBOCKER—Quite right. Let's follow the birds—the birds that fly—not the birds in Washington that conserve the coal.

application to evil deeds. I can appeal to the public with entire confidence to endorse this statement. Let me say to you in conclusion that it is because I resent your unfairness and the injustice of your intentions that I deem myself fully justified in making public the charges against you. The matter to which I refer occurred at a time when I was not connected with the department and months before my appointment to office.

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